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GERMANS HELD IN DIRECT DRIVE UPON PARIS; FRENCH REPULSE EFFORT TO CROSS MARNE; AMERICANS BIG FACTOR IN DECIDING BATTLE

DEMOCRATS PICK 33 Limerick Chiefs DARK HORSE FOR WHITMAN'S JOB

Leaders Reach Tentative Agreement on Candidate. but Withhold Name.

MURPHY NONCOMMITTAL

Gerard and Hearst Take Slump, but F. D. Roosevelt Still Being Considered.

Democratic State leaders who have been working desperately for ten days to bring about some agreement on a sandidate for Governor declared yester play that they hoped a solution of their rlays. Innumerable conferences have teen held here in Washington and up

As the situation stands to-day the up-State leaders, or most of them, are sticking to their demand for a candidate from outside New York city. This, it is declared, is agreeable to the Washington croup and to Tammany Hall. Charles Murphy refuses to give any inkling saying to those who have seen him Let the up-Staters do it."

Although the Washington men have not said it in so many words they would refer to have a man picked who would e agreeable to the Administration. It s generally conceded that it would be of the greatest advantage to have a candidate who would receive the hearty inreement and support of Washington.

Dark Heroe Has Been Pleked.

St was said yesterday that as a result of the conferences an up-State man had picked tentatively and that his name was now being presented to the various leaders throughout the State. he name was being closely guarded. but it was declared the prospective candidate was one who had not hithert heen mentioned. He is said to possess those qualifications which are considered requisite for the candidate. His attitude plained and he is big enough to impress all the people with the conviction that

Among those who have participated the conferences in Washington are Frank I. Polk, coupsellor to the Department of State; Bernard Baruch, Thomas Chadbourne, Jr., counsel to the War Trade Board : William G. McAdoo, Sec stary of the Treasury, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy It is believed that Mr. Roosepersuaded to accept the nomination, alhough there is some feeling against him in certain sections that has come lown from the 1914 campaign when he patronage in this State in the fight nade that year against the domination of Tammany Hall.

Gerard's Boom Takes Slump.

It was asserted yesterday that although close friends of James W. Gerard were still booming him, no great amount andidacy here, in Washington or up tate. This condition has been learned by special agents of Mr. Gerard, who ave been looking into the situation Mr. Gerard is reported to have told friend within a day or two that he had chandoned all thoughts of running this because two weeks ago William Ran oiph Hearst requested Mr. Gerard, with whom he has been most friendly, to minate himself from the situation, and he former Ambassador is reported to have replied that he could not very well ask his friends to abandon their ac tivities on his behalf.

Some of the up-State leaders are wor-"le "boss" of Tammany Hall. They say e is showing a most astounding indifference to the entire situation. Realizog how hopeless it would be to try and ect a candidate without the active sur port of Temmany Hall, and incidentally without some financial assistance fro that quarter, they want a more definite dea of what is in his mind than they

Alfred E. Smith, President of the of Aldermen, is anxious, friends say, to fight it out with Gov. hitman. He believes he could win an canvass of the up-State leaders indiales that probably he would be accept Tammany man who would not be castly cut up State. When one of peared to be a total loss with all its gested to Mr. Murphy that "Al" Smith the candidate the Tammany chieftair ephed: "Oh. let 'Al' alone. We need n here."

To "Smoke Out" Mr. Murphy.

An effort will be made this week t cooke out" Mr. Murphy and to get ome clear out statement as to just there he stands and what he intends to Friends of Mr. Hearst are still work-

is hard to "develop" sentiment for him, Continued on Bisth Post.

in Sedition Case

TONDON, June 1 .- A Central News despatch from Dublin says that thirty-three members of the Limerick Board of Guardians, which passed a resolution protesting against conscription, have been charged with unlawful assembly to sow dissension among the subjects of the King, to cause disaffection and im-pede the successful prosecution of the war.

MRS. STOKES **GETS 10 YEARS**

Freed in \$10,000 Bail After Espionage Conviction as New Trial Is Denied.

problem would be reached within ten JUDGE DENOUNCES WOMAN

Says Actions Tended to Promote Conditions Here Similar to Russia's.

KANSAS CITT, Mo., June 1 .- Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, wife of J. G. Phelps-Stokes, wealthy New York Socialist, will retain her liberty under \$10,000 bond pending preparation of a bill of exceptions by her attorneys, who will appeal her case in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Mrs. Stokes was sentenced to-day to serve ten years in the Missouri State penitentiary following her conviction May 23 on an indictment charging violation of the espionage act. Judge Van Valkenburgh granted the defence sixty days in which to file its bill

Mrs. Stokes was found guilty on three counts of the indictment and the court imposed a sentence of ten years on each count, but announced that the sentences would run concurrently. Missouri penitentiary was chosen, it was announced because the Federal prison at Leaven

worth. Kan., has no accommodation for Mrs. Stokes declined to-night to com-

her home in New York to-morrow. It was said to-night the Court of Apand if the lower court's findings are up- to secure information from the destroyheld and if the defendant can raise a ers which answered the big transport's constitutional question the case will so radio distress calls.

to the United States Supreme Court. reiterated that she had assumed it was some time for the rescuers to make a re-"her privileges to approve or criticise any of the war aims" of the Government, and declared she recognized the cause of America's entrance into the war and had at no time opposed the

Judge Van Valkenburgh in pronounce ing sentence asserted his belief that the offence of which Mrs. Stokes was found guilty was part of a systematic programme to create discontent with the war, disagreement with the causes and justice of the war, loss of confidence in the good faith and sincerity underlying the conduct of the war and its ulti-

mate aims. gramme, he said, undoubtedly were inspired by German sources, and he de clared "the lamentable situation brought shout in Russia is the substantial oblective here."

BUILD OVERSEA WIRELESS.

American Navy Officials Connect ing France With Annapolis. PARIS, June 1 .- American naval officials are installing a wireless telegraphy station in France. The Temps to-day announces that it will be ready the station in Annapolis. It will cost

\$2,500,000. After the war the station in France will be taken over by the French Government

\$6,000,000 IN ARMY **EQUIPMENT BURNED**

Arsenal Warehouse in Louis Is Destroyed.

Sr. Louis, June 1.-Warehouse No. 23 of the United States Arsenal, which in all its buildings houses more than \$6, 000,000 worth of army equipment, caught fire late to-night, and at midnight ap-

Firemen devoted their attention to saving adjacent buildings. As soon as the bir started Col Then he relapsed into Clark, in charge of the areenal, threw i guard of soldiers around the enclosure

nd excluded all persons not actively engaged in combatting the fire. Infornation as to the cause of the fire was The police have taken in custody an enemy alien, an Austrian, who was found without hat and coat within the stockad soon after the fire was discovered. They

have refused to divulge his name. He is

said to reside in the immediate vicinity

FEW LIVES LOST ON TROOPSHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

President Lincoln Carried Only Crew and Some Convalescent Soldiers.

AFLOAT FOR 30 MINUTES

Destroyers Rush to Aid in Naval War Zone and Rescue Most of Survivors.

LONDON, June 1 .- News of the torpe loing of the American troop transport President Lincoln by a German submarine when in the naval war zone yesterday reached London to-day. The ship was struck when returning home and sank in thirty minutes.

Destroyers reached the scene in a short time. The vessel carried only her crew and a few convelescent soldiers returning to the United States.

No particulars as to casualties have yet been received. The Red Cross and the navy headquarters here have been survivors will be landed at ports in the United Kingdom.

Such fragmentary details as have been received have reassured the American authorities in London that the destroyers were able to pick up nearly all who survived the explosion of the tor-

The survivors are now proceeding to

The latest wireless advices received this afternoon say that the casualties were slight.

NO DETAILS YET ON SINKING OF LINCOLN

Daniels Expects Full Report From Destroyer Soon.

WASHINGTON, June 1 .- The Navy Department to-night still was without de-tails of the sinking of the American constituted the record month. The losses ment upon her sentence. She an-nounced that she planned to return to by a German submediate vesterday by a German submarine. Vice-Admiral Sima's delay in making more complete reports was believed b

As the President Lincoln was some In a statement to the court before 800 miles from land on her homeward sentence was pronounced Mrs. Stokes voyage when attacked it would require port with the survivors and complete reports were not looked for until these

could be questioned. Naval officials here believe that it is entirely possible that the former German steamship was not under convowhen torpedoed. As the ship was outside of the ordinary limits of submarin warfare and was a speedy vessel the time before the attack was made.

YALE STAR AMONG LINCOLN'S OFFICERS

"Cupid" Black Assigned Ship Few Months Ago. Among the officers known to have

been aboard the President Lincoln was

Ensign Clinton R. ("Cupid") Black. of the Yale football team in 1916. He lives at 420 West End avenue. ind was assigned to active duty several months ago after the completion of a course at the Newport training station. Other officers believed to have been aboard the vessel were Lieut, George F Wells of 123 East Fifty-third street, Manhattan; Lieut. Frank R. Fairbanks of Brooklyn, Lieut. Frank B. Mullen of with | 114 Franklin avenue, New Rochelle ; Assistant Paymaster George Kimberly of 1200 Pacific street, Brooklyn, and Lieut. Alexander Murray of Little Falls, N. J. Maurice Reidy, 23, of 122 Baldwin avenue, Jersey City, was a member of the crew of the vessel. Among other seamen known to have been aboard the vessel were Webster Brandt, son of Capt. and Mrs. Theodore Brandt of Sayville; Albert Brothers, motion picture operator, of Waterbury, Conn.; three Yonkers boys, Harold Starkey of 268 Woodworth avenue, Robert Cadby of 179 Valentine lane and Charles J. McLaughin of 195 Nepperham avenue; Lowell Masterson, a gunner, of 280 Decatur street. Brooklyn, and Harry Halligan, 23, a gunner, son of Miles Halligan of 5 Maple street, Jersey City. Halligan has been in the navy four years, and

REPORTS TWO U-BOATS SUNK.

the war sone. The U-boats were sent

down almost within sight of the French

coast, it was said.

before being transferred to the Presi

dent Lincoln he served aboard the bat-

Work of American Destroyer Told on Arrival of Ship. AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 1 .- Destruction of two submarines within half an hour by an American destroyer off the coast of France was reported to-day by an American ship arriving here from

corge Orders 57 Shilling for Country Wear. towns in central England has inspe

same fate."

on a visit to the woollen manufacturing several factories engaged in making cloth for the new standard suits for civ-King made the first exception to his

AMERICANS ARE BEING SENT INTO THE THICK OF FIGHTING

They Are Going to All Fronts Faster Than Ever-None Engaged Between Soissons and Rheims-Foch Displays No Anxiety.

Special Cable Despatch to Tan Sun.

troops engaged in the present battle between Solssons and Rheims the director Allies. of the official press bureau replied that parent by this time.

Regarding the great battle itself the battle of the war.

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Paris, June 1.—In answer to a queshigh official just returned from the headtion by THE SUN correspondent to-day quarters of Gen. Foch said that the as to whether there were any American generalissimo did not exhibit the least anxiety, although he did not minimize the seriousness of the position of the

This high efficial compared Gen. Foch here were none in this battle, but that with the captain of an ocean liner whose they were to be found in other sectors duty it is to steer his boat through a where the fighting was thick. He said perilous sea and bring it across safely that the Americans were being sent to Like the captain who stands tirelessly all fronts faster than ever, especially as through the nights and the days on the the necessity for relieving the French bridge guiding the liner, so Gen. Foch is eserves in the other sectors was ap- always found on deck inspiring his staff

director said that no definite information "With such a skipper at the helm be ventured, as the situation see- we cannot but feel secure for our ship." sawed from hour to hour. Notwith- said the official, ending the interview.

1,137AIRPLANES BRITISH FLIERS

Americans 13 and Belgians Get 5.

GERMANS CLAIM

Exceed Those for March

by 67. Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN from the

London Times. Comprishe 1915; all rights reserved London, June 1.- The Times in an article on aerial operations to-day says: to-night by the War Office. The state-"Up to last night 1,137 airplanes ment reads were reported down on all the battle! fronts in May. This surpasses by 67

on the various fronts during May were: Western 971 Mesopotamia

front were that 432 German machines fell into the hands of the British, 234 to the French. 13 to the Americans and 5 to the Belgians. Of the 222 allied air planes claimed by the Germans, they have not put in a claim for five Britis but this number is included in the total of 971 down on the western front. "Of the enemy machines accounted for by the British, 378 were destroyed nbat, 95 were driven out of conrol and 15, 7 of which fell within our

ines, were brought down by gunfire Four others also were forced to land within our lines: "Eleven German observation balloor iso were destroyed during the month. "The number of British airplanes reported missing in the same period is 126 sclusive of those which failed to return after raids over Germany. In March 155 of our machines were reported miss ng and the total number of German machines accounted for was 590, in

cluding two Gothas which raided the Paris area. "French airmen and gunners in May placed to their credit 234 German an planes and thirteen balloons. Of the aeroplanes 100 were destroyed when fighting, nineteen fell targets to the aim of gunners and 115 were driven

down seriously damaged. "The German figure of 222 allied mahines is one more than is claimed in the

daily reports from the German main neadquarters in March. "British airmen on the Italian fron

maintained a fine record of ascendancy over the Austrian air service. The Brit ish filers destroyed forty-eight enemy machines and two balloons with a loss o themselves of only two airplanes They have now destroyed 157 Austrian aeroplanes since they went to Italy at he end of November and their losses for the same period are only fifteen mamachines destroyed by the British at men the Italians in May accounted for sixty-eight of the enemy, while the Austrians claim to have destroyed in the "In Macedonia seventeen enemy mi chines were destroyed and eight allied airplanes were reported to have met the

"HAND-ME-DOWN" FOR KING.

LONDON, June 1 .- King George while

resolution not to have any more new clothes during the war and selected a length of brown standard cloth to be made into a 57 shilling suit for coun-

and personally directing the greatest

notified, but it is not probable that any British Bag 492, French 234, Forty-eight Tons Dropped on Karlsruhe and Several Other Important Points.

222 RAIDERS CROSS

Total Losses on All Fronts Twenty-eight Boche Airplanes Wrecked, While Allies Lose Only Two Machines.

> Karlsruhe has been made by British air squadrons, according to the official Our airplanes and balloons again

carried out much successful work yesterday. During the morning our long distance bombins machines crossed the Rhine and in spite of strong op position from enemy aircraft dropped more than a ton of bombs on the station and workshops at Karlaruhe One machine engaged in this raid Another group of our airplanes dropped a ton of bombs on the rail-

good effect and without losses. Durtons of bombs were dropped on different targets behind the enemy lines. Twenty German machines were destroyed in air fighting and six were other hostile machine was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. One of our mahines is missing.

way triangle of Metz-Lablons with

During last night sixteen tons of ombs were dropped by us on targets in enemy territory. Six tons were dropped on the Bruges docks and o tion four tons were dropped on railjunctions and the stations at All our night bombing machines returned

One German light bombing airplane as brought down in flames behind

PARIS AGAIN UNDER FIRE.

Attacked by Long Range Gun and Aircraft. Paris. June 1 .- Paris was again under

morning. official statement to-day said Enemy airplanes having crossed the

lines in the direction of Paris the slarm was given last night at 10 53 o'clock and our sams opened fire. No bombs fell on Paris. "All clear" was French sounds of motors having been reported by lookout posts the starm was again sounded at 11:56 o'clock, and "All clear" at 12:38 A. M. A cortain number of bombs are rerted to have been dropped in the

BAN PUT ON BEER FOR PERIOD OF WAR Curtailment May Extend to 75 Per Cent.

Special Despatch to THE SIN. WASHINGTON, June 1 .- Beer making mainder of the war under an informal announcement made to-day by the Federal Fuel Administration. Pierrepont B. Noyes, assistant to Administrator Garfield, will put the curtailment order into effect for the rest of the war on June 30. in effect for some time under one of Atlantic City he announced his intention to make the reduction effective for the

curtailment to 50 or 75 per cent. is pos-

is believed to be needed elsewhere.

ible if the coal consumed by breweries

GERMAN BATTLE WITH U.S. ARMY **NOW EXPECTED**

Enemy Apparently Presses on Toward Montdidier Salient in Drive.

SIGNS OF CHECK SEEN

Our Troops Said to Be Around 700,000-More Optimism in Capital.

Special Despatch to Tax Sux. WASHINGTON, June 1 .- As predicted by army experts here, the Germans appear in no hurry to cross the Marne and risk OTHER BLOWS EXPECTED bility, according to some military stua clash with Gen. Foch's reserves, but are apparently pressing toward the Montdidier salient instead. This would bring the bulk of the German armies closer and closer to American forces which have been distinguishing themselves at Cantigny.

There was more optimism in military rircles to-day following the depression of yesterday caused by the news that the enemy had reached the Marne. There German advance being checked.

By reaching the Marne the Ger- man drive. mans have admittedly accomplished one considered vital to the Allies. It comproblems of defence, it is explained, just stave off the attacks despite these, disadvantages, and it is felt that the French salient and joining it up with the will now hold the enemy in check re- Amiens salient. That, he said, appears will now hold the enemy in check regardless of the new difficulties which the to be their intention, as they could be

Germans have placed in the way,

ien. Foch is not going to allow the Gernans to maintain their positions on the Marne without keeping up the fight. Reports that the French were striking back at the newly won German positions

have met in the last five days in driving toward the Marne is attributed by experts here to be due in great measure to the large reserves of munitions and projectiles which the Kaiser's forces are believed to have been able to pile up sent down to exploit the new success. since the last offensive. The duration The battle, he added, is likely to conof the present drive, according to the benans have at their disposal.

Advices reaching the United States in he last two weeks from the other side ndicate that the Germans have devoted almost all of their energies since the sive to the accumulation of munition reresent advance.

here that the allied armies should have kept up a constant bombardment of as creat intensity as possible on the German positions, which would have forced he Germans to reply and prevented them from accumulating munitions in considerable quantities.

Before starting the drive in March the Germans piled up sufficient munitions rate of the tremendous bombardments erman fire to-day. The bombardment they maintained against the Picardy by long range guns was resumed this and Ypres fronts. As was anticipated here German airmen attempted two weeks in advance, the drive came to two air raids last night. The first was an end when the estimated munition rea failure, but on the second occasion serves of the Germans were exhausted mbs were dropped on the capital An Simultaneously the order went out to ommandeer the German church bells door knobs and plates, and in some in stances statues and metal busts.

The Germans in that battle were better supplied with munitions than in th omme offensive of 1916, and it is possible that due to the comparative inactivity of the artillery since early in May the Germans have an even larger supply of projectiles and shells than they have

War Conference Held. The conference of the Senate Military

committee with the War Council at the War Department to-day was productive of little encouragement for the legislators. To them the situation was described by the military experts as "seous, although not critical

The transportation of American troops verseas, it was said, was keeping well up to the schedule set more than a month ago. It was said the total force now on European soil amounted to approximately 700,000 men of all arms of the service. rprise at the sudden success of the

renewed drive was frankly admirted by the army officers. It was said that American observers who went over the ground last autumn were convinced that this particular terrain would offer by its Noyee's orders, but on his return from very formation difficult. which no such the Germans could successfully reduce The rolling hills of the region, it was thought, would furnish stumbling block rest of the war. An extension of the after simbling block and that an actual

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Eager U. S. Troops Now in Great Battle Area

By the Associated Press. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, June 1 .-American troops are reaching useful positions in the battle

These troops display the most ardent desire to share in the present great battle with their European comrades.

OUR MEN MAY

Americans Vital Factors in Great Struggle, Says Gen. Bridges.

Foe May Resume Offensive in cated by the German attacks north-North or Shift Forces to Champagne.

WASHINGTON June 1. - American great battle in France and may hold the are signs, too, of the momentum of the balance between defeat and victory. Gen. Bridges, head of a special British A distinct feeling prevails here that military mission to the United States, the worst is over, at least for the pres- said here to-night in discussing the Ger. the execution of which depends on

The objectives before the Germans, the General said, appear to be threethough it means much to them, is not fold; the capture of Paris, the division of the main allied armies by an advance plicates and renders more difficult the through Amiens and the capture of the Channel ports. While on a narrow and dangerous

mel and other ridges complicated and salient, said the General, the Germans made more difficult the defence of Ypres. will be in a favorable position for ad-But at Ypres the British were able to vance on Paris should they be successful in pushing out the western leg of the expected to call a halt at the Marne. In concealing their preparations so as

There are also encouraging signs that said, the Germans were aided probably by four factors. Their preponderating number of divisions, a good railway sysiem, the proximity of woods to their first objectives, where large numbers of troops could be concealed, and the fact that this front long had been organize The Allies must be prepared either to

see the offensive resumed in the north soon, continued Gen. Bridges, or else to see German divisions from the north tinue for weeks and will become a long lef in some quarters here, is contingent drawn out struggle of man power, with on the volume of shells which the Ger- the first duty of the Allies to husband their resources by giving ground for men

where possible.

Three Apparent Objectives. In making his statement Gen Bridges and of the Picardy and Flanders offen- was emphatic in saying that he could make no reliable appreciation of the erves and putting themselves in readi- situation until news was received as ness to pour an increasing shower of to the distribution of the German reprojectiles on the allied armies in the serve and as to whether identification had been obtained of any divisions being front to take part in the drive

"The objectives now before the Ger-

mans," the General said, "appear to be threefold: 1. Paris. 2. The division of the main allied armies by an advance through Amiens, and 3, the capture of tack on the French lines between Sole-

"The present attack appears to have come as a surprise. One of the reasons for this was no doubt that it was not in the direction of Compaigne, the beconsidered by the Allies as a decisive direction for a major operation, because of the possibility on this sector of giving an amount of ground that would be fatal either at Amiens or Ypres. The seen even in this titanic offensive. Germans also have concealed preparations extremely well, aided prob-

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Calls "The Sun" Fund "Our One Best Friend"

WRITING to a contributor, Thomas Ward, Company D. Seventeenth Engineers, somewhere in France, says:

"I thank you for your kind gift of tobacco, sent to us through THE SUN Tobacco Fund, which is our one best friend. It surely remembers the boys and thank you all a hundredfold." Several other messages of thanks and appreciation are printed on page 1, Section 7.

Mme. Margarete Matzenauer the Metropolitan Opera and Miss May Mukle, the cellist, will he the solo artists at the concert Wednesday evening of the Red Symphony Orchestra. An excellent programme will be given under the direction of Prof. Carl J. Simonis in Brooklyn Central Auditorium

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Heaviest Fighting on Long Sector From Novon to Chateau Thierry.

CENTRES ALONG OURCQ

Six Mile Advance Made There in Day, but Some of Ground Is Rewon.

RHEIMS LINE HOLDS FIRM

DECIDE ISSUE Enemy Using 750,000 Men, but Large Reserves of Allies Are Now Engaged.

> Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. Copyright, 1915; all rights reserved. London, June 1 .- The battle of the Aisne is rapidly becoming the new battle of the Marne, with the possidents, of merging with the renewed battle of the Somme. This is indiwest of Soissons by which they have straightened their line from Solssons to Noyon, linking up the Aisne-Marne area with the Amiens battleground.

> Undoubtedly the purpose of the Germans in this attack is to leave no unshaken, with the object of preparing as broad a front as possible on which to develop their great plans, success or failure on the Marne.

Hold 13 Miles on Marne.

The front reached by the Germans of he Marne, according to the latest re-It now forms the apex of the salient and lies between Chateau Thierry and Verneuil, just east of Dormans. The west side of this V-shaped sallent, from Noyon, is more than fifty miles long;

o Rheims, is about thirty miles. The base of the salient between Noyons and Rheims is about sixty sons and Rheims of less than thirty-five miles. This is the deepest salient in made in the whole course of the war. The result of yesterday's rapid advance to the Marne was not followed by broadening the head of the thrust, but it was

The Germans, having reached the Marne, are now seeking to spread out the head of their advance and also to strike at the western side of the salient. between Solssons and Chateau Thierry. All along this line the French are resisting with great tenacity and the Germans have made very little progress

since Wednesday. Siriking Along Ourcq.

Further pressure against this line by he Germans would suggest that they intend to develop an offensive more toward Paris along the Our q. It is estimated that between Rheims and the English Channel the Germans had some sev-000 men) at their disposal and that been used in the Aisne offensive, would still leave more than 350,000 men withdrawn from other sectors of the for use should the Germans decide to try to force a way toward Paris. It is not unlikely that they would use their other reserves in advancing on Parts by the

> Oise as well. sons and Noyon is preliminary to such ginning of which has been timed to coon the Marne. Such a plan would entail greater movements than any yet

The situation undoubtedly is erffical

and the responsibility resting upon Gen.

Foch is tremendous. Only a counter offensive can restore the position completely in favor of the Ailies. Such a counter offensive will be delivered best when the enemy's exhaustion is at its greatest. A French expert in an article abled this morning from Paris says: 'The French General Staff has declared that some of our reserves are now fixed on the German objectives and that it possesses forces capable of arresting the enemy's advance While these manoeuvres are in prog-Heavy fighting was reported as going on throughout the night. Should Gen. Ludendorff pivot his left flank on the Marne and, turning westward, make a drive for Paris, the area of tremendous fighting would extend from Ource to Soissons, there to Noyon on the Oise and probably to Montdidler, still further was formed to the contract of the c

ther west, forming an immense curve Lundon Press Comment. The London newspapers, discussing the progress of the great battle, stress

heavily the coming part that the United States will play in the war. The Daily The strong points in favor of the Allies are the greatness of their cause, the unity of command and the rapid ar-rival of the American troops, which will

recatablish speedily their preponderance in numbers, Great Britain and France have to hold from until the United States, with its vast resources in men. noney and intelligence takes the field The Daily Telegraph, comparing the present conditions with the time of the first battle of the Marne, says: "We can at least be sure that there is